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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
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- The balance due by applicant is \$65.

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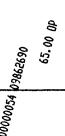
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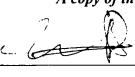
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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed on March 5, 2001, enclosed herewith is the Declaration for Patent Application form signed by the inventors, along with a copy of the Notice.

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Applicants also enclose a check in the amount of \$65 to pay the Surcharge fee under 37 CFR § 1.16(e) for a small entity. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional required fee with this paper to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants petition for a two (2)-month extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) to extend the time for response up to and including November 19, 2001. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$200.00 required fee and any additional fee required with this petition to Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

Dated: November 14, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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